

PROCLAMATION **HEALTH IN PARTNERSHIP WITH EDUCATION (HIPE) WEEK**MARCH 22-27, 2010

WHEREAS, the current and projected shortage of health care professionals in the state and across the nation is creating a demand for an increased health care workforce; and

WHEREAS, seven of the ten fastest growing professions in the nation are projected to be in health care by 2012; and

WHEREAS, a national shortage of 100,000 physicians and 800,000 nurses is projected by 2020; and

WHEREAS, growing North Dakota's health care workforce includes educating students about health career opportunities as early as in elementary school; and

WHEREAS, strengthening partnerships between health care professionals and educators is essential to increasing students' knowledge of and interest in career opportunities available in health care; and

WHEREAS, a week devoted to raising awareness about health careers to students in Kindergarten through grade 12 will help build a workforce to meet the future health care needs of our citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim March 22-27, 2010, **HEALTH IN PARTNERSHIP WITH EDUCATION (HIPE) WEEK** in the state of North Dakota.

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